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It is believed that any counterintelligence program against the NL to be initiated in the New York area, should be directed at the SDS as the primary target, with The Resistance, Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) and the Youth International Party (YIP) as secondary points of aim.

In brief, SDS operates a Regional Office at 50 East 11th Street, NYC, although this office will probably move on or about 6/1/68. SDS also publishes a weekly newspaper called "Rat," with offices at 201 East 4th Street, NYC. In addition, SDS has a weekly radio broadcast over Radio Station WBAI-FM, NYC at 7:00 PM, every Wednesday. Air time for this broadcast is being donated to SDS as part of a "Commentary Series" sponsored by the station.

SDS maintains chapters in ten or more colleges and universities in the New York area which engage in varying degrees of student activity. The chapter at Columbia, of course, has been extremely active in the recent past.

Activists in SDS and logical targets for counterintelligence operations are:

[REDACTED] (SDS-PLP at Brooklyn College)

[REDACTED] (SDS Funds Raiser)

[REDACTED] SDS Office Manager, NY Region)

MARK RUDD (SDS Chapter Chairman at Columbia University)

The Resistance is located at 5 Beekman Street, NYC (Room 1025), and is engaged in "anti-draft" activities as well as the NL.

Activists in The Resistance are:

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
The SMC is located at 17 East 17th Street, NYC and publishes a paper entitled "Student Mobilizer" at varying intervals.

SMC activists are:

[REDACTED] (SMC Secretary)

[REDACTED] (SMC Treasurer)

[REDACTED] (SMC Coordinator)

YIP (Also known as "Yippies") is located at present at 32 Union Square, NYC, and is considered to be one of the strongest anti-establishment organizations in the New York area.

YIP activists are:

JERRY RUBIN (Co-chairman)

ABBIE HOFFMAN (Co-chairman)

[REDACTED] (Secretary)

[REDACTED] (Treasurer)

The following specific recommendations for counter-intelligence actions against SDS are being made at this time:

1. The 5/11/68, issue of the "Guardian", page 5, contained an article entitled "Activist Answers Columbia Prexy", which sets forth the contents of a letter written by MARK RUDD, SDS leader at Columbia University, to GRAYSON

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KIRK, President of Columbia, following a speech by KIRK on 4/12/68, during which he, KIRK, complained about youthful antiauthoritarianism. The letter which condemns KIRK from every point of view, ends with a harsh obscenity.

It is recommended that copies of the above letter be sent anonymously to selected college and university officials in the New York area, with particular reference to those institutions having SDS chapters on campus. The photostatic or Xerox copies of the article would be accompanied by a note reading: "We wonder - after you read this letter - if you will consider the Students For A Democratic Society to be a legitimate campus organization in the American university tradition?" Signed "Concerned Alumni."

It is believed the last paragraph of the letter (containing the obscenity) should be circled in red.

It is also recommended that copies of the above letter be mailed to a representative number of parents of students arrested by the New York City Police Department during the student "revolts" at Columbia and to the parents of activists in SDS and other NL organizations.

The accompanying note to the letter directed to parents will read: "So your son or daughter got 'busted' during the so-called 'student revolt' at Columbia? The attached letter will introduce you to Mark Rudd, student leader of SDS and the instigator of the whole disgraceful mess. It's your child and your money. Help throw SDS off the campus. Action for a healthy change is up to you..." Signed: "Father of a 'busted' ex-student."

Two Xerox copies of the RUDD letter are enclosed together with the notes mentioned as above.

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2. It is recommended that a postcard mailing be made to parents of a representative number of Columbia students arrested during recent student riots. The card will advertise the following event (dates and other details subject to change):

"Attend The Cultural Bag of The Year.

1968 SDS Crap Out.

. Do your thing

. Bring your own grass, pot, whatever

. Music by 'The Mothers.'

. Columbia Students - Free

July 5 - 6 (All nite, baby) 6:00 PM 'till-

4th Floor, 17 East 17th Street, NYC (SMC Office)

Auspices: SDS, 50 East 11th St.  
NY Region

Extra: Meet and gas with Mark Rudd!"

It is believed the advertisement of fictitious events, as above, could bring positive results in a disruptive program pointed at SDS and related organizations. This card may cause some parents to finally regard their offspring with a jaundiced eye and question their friends and associates. Secondly, a certain degree of confusion could result should a number of students show up for the "affair" at the SMC Office.

3. It is believed that the "cuckoo angle" inherent in the NL can be exploited from a counterintelligence point of view. This phase would emphasize the strange collection of hippies, drop-outs, hop-heads and plain nuts that cling to the NL, appear at most of their "functions" and are greatly attracted by the news media.

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The creation of a montage on paper of leaflet size showing photographs and parts of photographs of the worst of the hippy set - complete with hair and dirt - and containing a very small message in the center (printed in red) would have a caricaturing effect on the SDS on campus or from the mailing technique. The message in the center of the montage would read: "We are the SDS. If we lead would you follow?"

If the above is acceptable, New York will prepare an initial layout of the montage for submission to the Bureau with a request for authority to utilize same in the counterintelligence operation against the NL.

At the present time, the New York Division has investigative responsibility for the following individuals who have been designated "Key Activists" by the Bureau:

[REDACTED] (SDS)  
(NYfile 100-159517; Bufile 105-170067)

[REDACTED] (SMC)  
(NYfile 100-157637; Bufile 100-447282)

JERRY CLYDE RUBIN (YIP)  
(NYfile 100-157178; Bufile 105-131719)

In addition to the foregoing, it is anticipated that MARK RUDD, SDS leader at Columbia University, will be designated as a Key Activist in the near future.

In each Key Activist case, with the exception of RUDD, the Bureau has directed that investigative steps be taken to intensify coverage of these individuals and to seek ways of neutralizing their activities in the NL.

Additional counterintelligence action against these individuals will be incorporated into the over-all program aimed at the NL. Action along this line will depend on the development of additional information which would indicate

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suitable moves against the Key Activists. As the Bureau is aware, the NYO has had success in the counterintelligence program against the SDS and MARK RUDD through recent articles by Associated Press. Other similar ideas are being considered utilizing cooperative, confidential news sources including the Associated Press. Bureau will be advised of these ideas in future communications with request for approval before proceeding further.

New York will await Bureau authority relative to the recommendations set forth herein.

By now most of the slick consumer magazines have published yet another orgy of bourgeois analysis about the "youth rebellion," concluding for the nth time that radical youth are nihilistic.

Here is an answer to the nihilism charge by Mark Rudd, chairman of the Columbia University chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, an organizer of the Columbia rebellion. Rudd's remarks were made in a letter he wrote to Columbia president Grayson Kirk who, in a speech in Charlottesville, Va., April 12, complained about youthful anti-authoritarianism. Following are Kirk's brief statement and Rudd's letter, which was published April 22, the day before Columbia students initiated their current protest.

Said Grayson Kirk:

"Our young people, in disturbing numbers, appear to reject all forms of authority, from whatever source derived, and they have taken refuge in a turbulent and ineluctable nihilism whose sole objectives are destruction. I know of no time in our history when the gap between the generations has been wider or more potentially dangerous."

Said Mark Rudd:

Dear Grayson—Your charge of nihilism is indeed ominous; for if it were true, our nihilism would bring the whole civilized world, from Columbia to Rockefeller Center, crashing down upon all our heads. Though it is not true, your charge does represent something: you call it the generation gap. I see it as a real conflict between those who run things now—you, Grayson Kirk—and those who feel oppressed by, and disgusted with, the society you rule—we, the young people.

You might want to know what is wrong with this society, since, after all, you live in a very tight self-created dream world. We can point to the war in Vietnam as an example of the unimaginable wars of aggression you are prepared to fight to maintain your control over your empire (now you've been beaten by the Vietnamese, so you call for a tactical retreat). We can point to your using us as cannon fodder to fight your war. We can point out your mansion window to the ghetto below you've helped to create through your racist university expansion policies, through your unfair labor practices, through your city government and your police. We can point to this university, your university, which trains us to be lawyers and engineers, and managers for your IBM, your Socony Mobil, your IDA, your Con Edison (or else to be scholars and teachers in more universities like this one). We can point, in short, to our own meaningless studies; our identity crises, and our revulsion with being cogs in your corporate machines as a product of and reaction to a basically sick society.

Your cry of "nihilism" represents your inability to understand our positive values. If you were ever to go into a freshman class you would see that we are seeking a rational basis for society. We do have a vision of the way things could be: how the tremendous resources of our economy

could be used to eliminate want, how people in other countries could be free from your domination, how a university could produce knowledge for progress, not waste consumption and destruction (IDA). How men could be free to keep what they produce, to enjoy peaceful lives, to create. These are positive values—but since they mean the destruction of your order, you call them "nihilism." In the movement we are beginning to call this vision "socialism." It is a fine and honorable name, one which implies absolute opposition to your corporate capitalism and your government: it will soon be caught up by other young people who want to exert control over their own lives and their society.

You are quite right in feeling that the situation is "potentially dangerous." For if we win, we will take control of your world, your corporation, your university and attempt to mold a world in which we and other people can live as human beings. Your power is directly threatened, since we will have to destroy that power before we take over. We begin by fighting you about your support of the war in Vietnam and American imperialism—IDA and the School of International Affairs. We will fight you about your control of black people in Morningside Heights, Harlem and the campus itself. And we will fight you about the type of mis-education you are trying to channel us through. We will have to destroy at times, even violently, in order to end your power and your system—but that is a far cry from nihilism.

Grayson, I doubt if you will understand any of this, since your fantasies have shut out the world as it really is from your thinking. [Columbia] Vice President Truman says the society is basically sound; you say the war in Vietnam was a well-intentioned accident. We, the young people, whom you so rightly fear, say that the society is sick and you and your capitalism are the sickness.

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There is only one thing left to say. It may sound nihilistic to you, since it is the opening shot in a war of liberation. I'll use the words of LeRoi Jones, whom I'm sure you don't like a whole lot: "Up against the wall, motherfucker, this is a stick-up."

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